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FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER FROM WILLIAM H. DRAPER, JR.

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SUBJECT: WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE; WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

1. EMBASSY TRANSMITTING FOLLOWING TEXT AT REQUEST OF USWPC DELEGATE GEN. WM. DRAPER.
 2. QUOTE: IN MY JUDGEMENT, THE OUTCOME OF THE WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE REPRESENTS NOT ONLY A GREAT SUCCESS FOR U.S. DIPLOMACY AND LEADERSHIP IN CONNECTION WITH WORLD POPULATION POLICY BUT IT LAYS OUT A TEN-YEAR WORLD POPULATION PROGRAM WHICH, TAKEN TOGETHER WITH THE PROBABLE OUTCOME OF THE ROME WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE NEXT NOVEMBER, AND ASSUMING THE ACTION-PLANS OF BOTH CONFERENCES ARE REASONABLY IMPLEMENTED BY MOST GOVERNMENTS, CAN NOW GIVE THE WORLD REASONABLE HOPE OF AVOIDING MUCH OF THE MASSIVE STARVATION THAT OTHERWISE WOULD CERTAINLY HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE NEXT DECADE. I EARNESTLY HOPE THAT DURING THE LIFE OF THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION AND UNDER YOUR INSPIRED LEADERSHIP THE UNITED STATES WILL GIVE ACTIVE AND PRIORITY WORLD LEADERSHIP IN DEALING WITH AND IMPLEMENTING THE TWO PLANS OF ACTION AND WILL RECOGNIZE AND ADVERTISE WIDELY THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THESE TWO SERIOUS PROBLEMS AS WELL THE FACT THAT MUCH HIGHER PRIORITY
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MUST BE GIVEN BY MOST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO

GROWING MORE FOOD WHILE AT THE SAME TIME TAKING THOSE DIFFICULT BUT POSSIBLE STEPS ALSO WITH HIGH PRIORITY WHICH WILL START NOW SLOWING DOWN POPULATION GROWTH. I SHOULD LIKE TO REPORT TO YOU THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL INVOLVED UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF JOHN MCDONALD FUNCTIONED ADMIRABLY AND THAT IF IT HAD NOT BEEN FOR THE LEADERSHIP AND FIGHTING QUALITIES SUCCESSFULLY DISPLAYED BY PHIL CLAXTON WHO REPRESENTED THE U.S. IN THE WORKING GROUP DEALING WITH THE WORLD PLAN OF ACTION WHERE A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WERE MOST DIFFICULT, THE OUTCOME WOULD HAVE BEEN FAR LESS SUCCESSFUL. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY OF REPORTING TO YOU IN GREATER DETAIL AND OF MAKING SEVERAL SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AT ANY TIME CONVENIENT TO YOU AFTER MY RETURN TO WASHINGTON ON SEPTEMBER 12.
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